

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

- I. Please replace the two consecutive paragraphs beginning at page 1, line 10, which starts with "When connecting a digital camera to an..." with the following amended paragraphs.

When connecting a digital camera to an external-device device such as a personal computer, there are the cases where the digital camera is recognized as a mass storage device by the external-device device and the cases where it is recognized thereby as a camera such as a PC camera. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-271721 discloses that it is switched by an operation mode (a recording mode or a reproduction mode) of the camera or switched by key operation as to which device to be recognized as.

There is a digital camera having a mass storage mode and a Picture Transfer Protocol (PTP) mode as communication modes for communicating with the external devise device and capable of having these modes selected by a user on a setup menu screen of the camera. In the case of this digital camera, it is recognized as a mass storage device (external recording medium) by the external-device device if the communication mode thereof is set at the mass storage mode. If set at the PTP mode, it is possible to select an image to be transferred by the camera and press a transfer button provided to the camera so as to send the selected image to the personal computer and so on.

- II. Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 2, which starts with "..." with the following amended paragraphs.

In order to attain the above-described object, the present invention is directed to an image sending and receiving system, comprising: an image sending apparatus which

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